

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

The Examiner stated that claim 87 is objected to because of the following informalities: On line 20, an objection is made to the limitation, "defining a message routing mesh of media switches comprising all of the user endpoints and service endpoints identified in (a) and (b)". The Examiner stated that there is some confusion regarding this amended limitation.

The above limitations have been deleted and thus Applicants respectfully believe the objection should be removed.

The Examiner stated that amendments made by Applicants to claims 87, 95, 98, 99, and 101 to obviate the claim objections presented in the previous Office Action are proper and have been entered and these objections have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner stated that claims 87-104 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ludwig et al. (U.S. 6,237,025) (hereinafter "Ludwig").

Applicant does not believe that Ludwig teaches or suggests all of the previously added limitations. However, purely in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the instant invention, Applicant has amended the independent claims to substantially include the following limitations: resources for establishing the multimedia conference are distributed among the plurality of service endpoints, wherein the resources are an instance of a conference logging service that is located via a presence service, wherein the conference logging service publishes its presence with the presence service, wherein the presence service removes a pending presence entry of the conference logging service and replaces it with an actual presence entry.

These limitations are not taught or suggested by the cited art. As such, Applicant believes the currently amended independent claims, as well as the claims that depend from them, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request they be passed to allowance.

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